Watchman & Journal.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 1883.

Local Items.

New goods at Webster's. Ladies' beaver shoes at Griggs'.

Full line of rubber goods at Griggs'. A NEW line of men's shoes for fall trade at

A good assortment of music and music books at Griggs'.

ANOTHER lot of those fine hand-sewed boots and shoes at Griggs'. You can buy the best sewing-machine in the

world at J. C. Griggs', Waterbury, Vt.

WANTED-A capable woman to do house work in a small family. Call at this office for Information.

CHAMBER sets, mattresses, lounges, and every article of furniture at A. T. Straw & Co.'s, Waterbury

D. W. TEMPLE & Co. have just returned from market with the largest line of cloaks, dress goods, shawls and all kinds of dry goods they have ever been able to show, and at prices much less than before. Look for their advertisement next week.

Dip you ever know goods to be so cheap, and what is the funniest thing of all, is that each has the cheapest lot and will sell for less than anybody else. Now in looking for dress goods, velvets, ribbons, hosiery, gloves and fancy goods, and lower than city prices, now if you don't believe it go to Webster's and see.

Current Mention.

RUTLAND has a Sunday paper, the Review by

REV. D. E MILLER will preach next Sunday at two, P. M., at Wrightsyille.

THE grand jury failed to find any bill against Mrs. Goodwin of Castleton, arrested

for the murder of her child. THE grand jury at Troy, N. Y., found no bill against L. W. Johnson, the telegraph operator through whose negligence it was alleged the

accident was caused at Petersburgh Junction. A DISPATCH to the Boston Journal says that Elmer E Warren, claiming to belong in Worcester, Vt., was arrested last Saturday at Canaan, N. H., with a horse and carriage stolen

from Concord, and was taken to Concord. In renewing her subscription to the WATCH-MAN recently, Sally Town of Stowe writes, "I am eighty-two years and seven months old and I expect to walk to the post-office to-morrow, one mile from here." A pretty vigorous old lady.

THE programme of the festival of the Burlington Philharmonic society, which occurs next week Monday to Friday inclusive, has the oratories of "Stabat Mater" by Rossini, and "The Prodigal Son" by Sullivan; also a concert and two matinees with miscellaneous

THE publisher of each newspaper in this state is requested to send one copy of his paper to E P. Walton, Montpelier, Vt. He wishes to give an accurate and complete newspaper list in the Vermont Register for 1884, so this request is in the interest of both the craft vices of Sunday-school; 12:30 P. M., drove five

A wrestling match for a sweepstake of \$600 has been arranged between H. M. Dufur of Mariboro, Mass., Dancan C. Ross of Cleveland, Ohio, and George W. Flagg of Braintree, Vt. Each of the wrestlers has deposited \$200, and the contest will be at the Corinthian Academy of Music, Rochester, N. Y., on October 10th and 11th.

THE seventy-first annual meeting of the Vermost Bible Society will be held in the Congregational church at Barre, on Wednesday, October 17. The directors will meet at ten A. M., the society at two P. M., and the public meeting will be held in the evening at half-past seven, where an address will be given by Rev. S. L. B. Speare of Middlebury.

This seems to be a favorable time to visit the Hub. To-day and to-morrow excursion tickets will be sold to Boston and return, good until October 11th, for \$5, either over the Montpelier & Wells River, and Boston, Concord & Montreal roads, or by way of the Central Vermont. The two great fairs are now in full blast and it is a pleasant season to travel.

DURING the present term of court the familiar face of Mr. John Voodry, who has acted as junitor of the court-house for the past twenty-three years, has been seen but a few times. During the long number of years that he has filled this place, he has ever been found a faithful and attentive officer, but long continued ill health obliged him to retire from the position. His place is now filled by Mr. Walter Dutton.

THE amounts held by towns in this vicinity of deposits in the St. Albans Trust Company

are as follows:			
Barre	\$45 00 835 10 528 11 117 45	Montpelier Morristown Northfield Randolph	\$133 43 612 24 3.647 97 428 26
Craftsbury Eden	453 25 259 29 1,105 62	Richmond Royalton Sharon	640 33 562 42
Granville	2.509 43 654 01	Tunbridge Waterbury	

Among the entertainments of the Barre lect ure course the coming season will be a reading by Professor J. W. Churchill, November 2d, and lectures by Professor J. P. Leotsakos, of the university of Athens, Greece, subject, " Greece in her glory, and Greece of the present day," illustrated; General N. P. Banks, subject, "What a man owes to the town he lives in;" also a lecture by Rev. Robert Collier, D.D., of New York.

THE superintendent of education gives notice that in the interest of the common schools educational meetings are to be held at Warren, October 9th; Calais, October 10th; Plainfield, October 11th; Cabot, October 12th. The meeting at Warren to begin Monday evening, October 8th. Sessions commence at 9:30 A. M., 2:00 and 7:30 P. M. Every one is invited. "Whatever you would have appear in the life of a nation you must first put into the schools."

Ir is expected that the post-office department will order the manufacture and sale of a new article of stationery called a letter-wrapper. It is a combined letter, envelope and newspaper letters and also newspapers which weigh over M. Hardy of West Randolph. two ounces. Its inventor is the inventor and introducer of the self-sealing stamped newspaper wrapper on sale at post-offices for the

past twenty-two years. Some officious friends of William Chapin of Middlesex gathered his apples for him the before it had burned much. Detective Rogers

a distance from his house and the discovery of the theft was not made till Saturday. There were about twenty-five bushels of fruit. Mr. Chapin wants to know who stole it, and will pay well for the information, not so much that he cares for the apples but to find out who will do so neighborly an act. He is sure-and is ashamed of the fact-that the thieves do not live outside of Middlesex.

MR. JOHN P. HOWARD has purchased the old Underwood mansion at the north end of the college park in Burlington, together with several acres of land, and with changes and enlargements will reconstruct the house into a commodious building for the use of the medical department of the university. The present medical building will be remodeled and fitted with suitable apparatus for a gymnasium. Mr. Howard's generous act is very timely, as the old medical building was not large enough for the accommodation of the increasing classes and a gymnasium was a pressing need.

T. J. DEAVITT, Esq., of Montpelier has recently procured pensions for the persons named below: Smith Taylor, Chelsea, \$8 a month, \$895 arrears; Horace P. Darling, Worcester. \$4 a month, \$966 arrears; L. L. Persons, East Randolph, \$2 a month, \$384 arrears; Ransom O. Smith, Lunenburgh, S4 a month, \$875 arrears; T. J. Slavton, Worcester, an increase of \$4 a month; John E. Dolloff, St. Johnsbury, \$4 a month, \$895 arrears; Luther Wakefield, Northfield, \$4 a month, \$65 arrears; W. H. H. Maynard, Warren, \$8 a month, \$878 arrears; M. J. Chaffee, Roxbury, \$4 a month, \$960 arrears; A. P. Cameron, Worcester, \$6 a month, \$860 arrears; Daniel Dalley, Waterbury, \$2 a month, \$430 arrears; J. H. Bolton, Wolcott, increase to \$10 a month, about \$500 arrears; John R. Leonard, Middlesex, \$2 a month, \$450 arrears. Mr. Leonard first placed his claim in the hands of an attorney of Washington, D. C., and it was registered. He then employed Mr. Deavitt, who took an appeal to the secretary of the interior, with the above

THE first volume of the list of United States pensioners was published last week at Washington. The pensioners from Vermont are included in it and number over four thousand who receive annually about \$500,000 from the United States treasury. On the 30th of June last there were pending in the pension office 3,644 applications from Vermont, 2,517 of which were filed prior to July 1, 1880, and will be entitled to arrears when the pensions are granted. All the remaining cases entitled to arrears are doubtful ones. The commissioner of pensions says he has settled and paid all those claims where the records and evidence clearly showed the claimant's right to a pension. He estimates, however, that one-half of the arrears claims now pending will be granted, which will give Vermont claimants \$2,500,000 on the first payment of pension. Vermont furnished 30,000 soldiers for the suppression of the rebellion. The number of pensioners on the roll and the number of applicants to be placed upon the pension roll, including the heirs of the soldiers, is only one-fourth of the whole number of soldiers

THE Troy Times gives the following as the experience of a Vermont clergyman on a recent Sunday: "Hydeville, Vt., September 23, 1883. -Nine A. M., pastoral visit to an invalid; 10:45 A. M., preached; 12 m., conducted opening sermiles to conduct funeral services of the Goodwin child so mysteriously murdered Friday night; preached to a very large audience. Left Mr. Goodwin's at 2:10 P. M. and drove six miles to Hubbardton and preached in the Baptist church at 3 P. M., at a special service. At 4 P. M. started homeward, and while nearing the brow of a hill west of Castleton noticed s strong odor of burning wool. Just over the brow of the hill overtook a negro with his clothing in fiames. After seeing him 'extinguished,' discovered that the fire had been caused by matches in his pocket. At 7:30 P. M., conducted a praise service at Hydeville. followed by a sermon at 8 o'clock. This closed the day. He had driven twenty-two miles, preached four times, conducted a Sundayschool and praise service, made one visit and

A DISPATCH from Milwaukee to the New York Times, September 26th, says: "Considerable of a sensation was created by a report this morning that Miss Julia F. May, a well known operatic singer, who joined the Hess company recently, had met with a singular accident at Cincinnati and was at the point of death. Miss May, who is a promising young actress and the half sister of Judge May of this city, visited a Turkish bath a day or two ago to take an electric bath. The stupid attendant rubbed her from head to foot with Croton oil, mistaking it fer alcohol. This left Miss May in a pitiable plight, for she was one immense blister. The matter was suppressed until to-day. The young lady is very ill and is kept closely confined but there are hopes of her recovery. The first dispatch, to the effect that she was horribly disfigured and was at the point of death, was exaggerated. Judge May announces that a suit for heavy damages will at once be instituted against the bath-house people." Miss May has occasionally sung in Montpeller and has many friends and admirers here, all of whom will be pained to hear of her misfortune.

THE following officers were elected at the recent convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at West Randolph: Mrs. E. G. Greene of St. Albans, president; Mrs. J. L. Perkins of St Johnsbury, recording secretary; Mrs. W. H. Button of Middlebury, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. M. Seaver of Montpelier, treasurer; Miss Lucy J. Bradshaw of Montpeller, auditor; state superintendents: scientific institution, Miss Alice M. Guernsey of Rutland; influencing press, Mrs. Monroe of Middlebury; temperance literature, Mrs. Clinton Smith of Middlebury; juvenile work, Mrs. A. B. Engrem of Rutland; young women's work, Miss Josie Gill of Montpelier; prison and jail work, Mrs. D. L. Fuller of Montpeller presenting our cause before other bodies, Mrs E. G. Greene of St. Albans: evangelistic work Mrs. A D. Collins of St. Albans; communion wine, Miss Anna C. Park of Bennington; Sabbath-school work, Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden of Craftsbury; legislative work, Miss S. Howard of Randolph; drawing-room meetings, Miss E. Hutchinson of Bennington; relation of temperance to capital and labor, Mrs. B. H. Day of Underhill; state and county fairs, Mrs. W. H. wrapper in one sheet of paper, to be stamped S. Whitcomb of Burlington; Union Signal, Miss with two cents. This postage will be right for Laura Kezer of Rochester; hygiene, Mrs. V.

ABOUT midnight on the 27th of June last an attempt was made to burn the carriage factory of Strong Brothers in Benson. An old vest saturated with kerosene was placed under a lumber pile and fired, but the fire was put out latter part of last week. The orchard is quite of Troy, N. Y., employed to work up the case,

found that the cloth of the vest, which was not all burned, matched the coat and pants of a French shoemaker in Benson named Joseph Dusham. Mrs. Dusham informed the detective that she saw a tramp about on the night of the tire and that he called on a Mrs. Gibbs. The latter described the clothing of the "tramp," particularly the cap; and said he looked like Mrs. Dusham. A French girl was next sent to Benson, who was soon on intimate terms with Mrs. Dusham and got from her a confession that she was guilty of a grave crime against Strong Brothers. Her object was revenge because they would not eject a family named Dwyer from a house owned by them near Mrs. Dusham's residence. Last Sunday a fire occurred in Dusham's house and the family moved out. Detective Rogers, who had come to town Friday, found in the deserted house the cap described by Mrs. Gibbs, and arrested Mrs. Dusham and her husband. On being confronted with the evidence, the woman confessed having set the fire and was held in \$1,000 till the sitting of the grand jury. Her husband was discharged, as it appeared that he was ignorant of his wife's doings.

Among the indictments found by the grand jury is one sgainst James Templeton of Worce ter, for manslaughter. It appears that Alva Huriburt and his wife, Sylva, an aged and poor couple, went to live with Mr. Templeton last winter, and the bills were paid by the town authorities, to whom he had deeded what little property he possessed. Mr. Templeton lives near Morris Hamlet's place, about one mile this side of Worcester Corner. On Monday evening, August 27th, Mr. Templeton wen into the Hurlburts' room, some say at Mr. Hurlburt's request while others deny it, and tried to compel Mrs. Hurlburt to retire for the night. When he had accomplished his purdose, it was found that she was dead. No inquest was held and the foneral occurred August 29th. These facts came to the knowledge of State's Attorney Huse, and at his request an order was issued by the court, the body was disinterred by the sexton, Captain Hutchinson and a post mortem examination was made by Drs. Putnam and Macomber. Marks of violence were discovered upon the body, and the heart was found to be in a dropsical condition. It seems quite probable that Mr. Templeton treated the old lady very harshly, perhaps brutally, but doubtless with no expectation of any fatal result. The officers have not found him as yet and, as the jury has been discharged, the case will go over until next term, at least. Mr. Templeton is a brother of Horatio Templeton, the present member of the legislature

It is a rare event when an issue of the Free Press does not contain editorial or other matter taken without credit from some of its exchanges. We have no reference to items of general or local news or interest which by common consent or practice are treated by the press as common property. It is in the use of matter taken from exchanges for which newspaper honor and courtesy demands that credit should be given that our contemporary's kleptomaniac tendency is particularly disclosed. For years past THE WATCHMAN has been an occasional victim of these journalistic piracies, some of which have been of an exceedingly aggravating character, the stolen articles sometimes reappearing, in the papers of the state and elsewhere, credited to the Free Press. A recent case in point is the appropriation, without a word of credit, of a portion of an article in the last WATCHMAN entitled " No State Assessment." An item in the same issue relating to some unjust accusations against Judge Redfield were also reproduced, word for word, from THE WATCHMAN, without credit, copied by the St. Albans Messenger and Boston Journal and by those papers credited to the Free Press. These are trifling matters in themselves, and in comparison with other offenses of like character they are insignificant. We regard our esteemed contemporary's malady more in sorrow than in anger and pray that it may conquer its unfortunate propen-

TRUMAN P. AND WARREN MURRAY of South Duxbury were arrested for forgery Monday by Sheriff Atherton and lodged in jail at this place. Mr. H. O. Ward, a lumber dealer in Duxbury, was at Middlesex Monday forenoon, when William McIntyre spoke to him about some notes he held against him for money loaned to the Murray boys. Mr. Ward replied that he had not signed any notes for the Murrays. Mr. McIntyre persisted that he had, and, going to his house, produced two notesone for \$550, the other for \$200-dated in April, and bearing the names of H. O. Ward and Samuel Turner, the latter a well-to-do farmer in Duxbury. Mr. Ward pronounced the signatures forgeries, no effort having been made even to imitate his own signature. drove at once to Waterbury and placed the matter in the hands of Sheriff Atherton, by whom the parties were found at South Daxbury and arrested, as stated. The Murrays bought a saw-mill of Mr. Ward at South Duxbury, which the latter had stocked for them, taking security on the logs. The young men were frequently asked to furnish lumber, by way of payment, to help Mr. Ward fill some of his orders, but they generally contrived to ship it on their own account and to collect and use the money, leaving Mr. Ward in the lurch and exhibiting a total disregard of their word or their written contracts. The money obtained on one of the forged notes was carried to the Murrays by a brother of Mr. McIntyre, and for the other, one of the Murrays came to Middlesex and obtained it. Mr. Ward has laid an attachment on their property as security for their indebtedness to him. Truman was formerly postmaster at Fayston. At a hearing on Tuesday, before Justice Clark, Warren was held for trial, under \$600 bonds, failing to obtain which he was committed to jail. Truman was discharged.

Personal.

REV. JOSEPH COOK will lecture at St. Johnsbury this coming winter.

PRESIDENT HAMLIN of Middlebury college has gone to Michigan for a week's stay.

MISS FANNIE PROCTOR, daughter of ex-Governor Proctor of Rutland, died September 26th. REV. GEORGE E. HALL of Vergennes has declined the call recently extended him by the

First Congregational church of St. Albans. WILLIAM EATON, a compositor in the office of the Danville North Star, is in his eightyfourth year and has been setting type constantly for nearly seventy years, having lost

but very few days. Four of the delegates appointed by the governor to represent this state at the Louisville, (Ky.) educational convention, viz.: J. J. R. Randall of Rutland, Professor Dunton of Troy, A. E. Rankin of St. Johnsbury and Rev. T. P. Frost of Bradford, were present.

Montpeller.

MRS. JAMES S. PECK is slightly indisposed. MISS EMMA HALLOWELL returned to town

THERE was a baptism at the Unitarian church

MR. AND MRS. F. W. MORSE returned yester-

REV. A. D. BARBER officiated at Bethan burch on Sunday. R G. BROWN leaves for Harvard to-night to

begin his senior year. THE Scribner brothers are putting a glass partition into their store

WALTER VINCENT and Dr. Charles Chandler DUPREZ & BENEDICT Minstrels are booked for Capital Hall October 15.

EVENING services were resumed at the Metho dist church Sunday evening.

THE new palatial floating restaurant is completed and open for busines Quite a number will go to Boston on the ex-

WILLIE (Tug) Wilson buit his foot on a splinter while sawing last week.

JOHN B. THURSTON has not sufficiently re-covered to return from Boston yet. S. H. O. Boswort of Berlin has moved into the Fullerton house on Loomis street. CARL L. SMITH will erect a fine residence on

OLIN DALKY left last Friday for New York, where he will attend medical lectures. MRS M. C. Kinson presides at the organ at Bethany church in the absence of Mr. Briggs. Mr. And Mrs. A. J. Hown have returned to THE skating rink is appreciated, judging from the rumble from the rollers on the floor. Hon. CHARLES DEWEY with his wife and bree daughters started for Philadelphia last

FRED C. CAMP, formerly of the American

OTIS MILES will soon move into his house on Seminary avenue, recently purchased of the French estate.

JOHN D. CLOUGH has returned from Central New York. He will attend the Harvard law school this fall.

The entertainment given by the Moulton and Johnson minstrels Monday night was a very poor affair.

BURNSIDE BAILEY has returned from Boston, whither he was drawn by attractions of an ethnological nature.

Another rehearsal with Mr. H. I. Thompson will be held in the vestry of the Unitarian church this evening.

JESSE CAYHUE has closed his saloon on Main street, and has moved his family into Yatta's iouse through the arch. THE Woman's Christian Temperance Union

will give a tea party at Trinity parlors this (Wednesday) afternoon from five till seven.

SEVERAL parts of the village, where young ladies are known to reside, were serenaded last Saturday night by the Celluloid glee club. THE carpenters are at work on the building in the rear of the Arch. It will be thoroughly renovated inside and out. L. W. Weich is to

MISSES KITTIE AND KATE BAILEY left for Chicago Monday evening, having been delayed since last Wednesday by the temporary illness

Miss May Vinton, who has been at her home in Granville during the summer, has re-turned to the trimming department of C. A.

"THE WORLD," a popular play which has been running at Music Hail, Boston, will be played by the Boston Theatre company at Capital Hall October 5. C. A. SANDERS of this village has left at our ffice some very fine specimens of grapes of his own raising, which tends to show that dem-ocrats are not the only ones who can raise fine

THE next Sunday evening temperance meeting will be held at Bethany vestry at seven o'clock P. M., October 7th. Let all the churches be represented. Short and pithy speeches will

ORBIN DALEY has raised a squash of the Boston Marrowfat variety, which is twenty-one inches long, forty-four inches in circumference, and weighed thirty-seven and one-half pounds.

Who can beat it? THE spectacle of a girl with a donkey at tracted much attention on the street Friday. We don't see why it should. That combina-tion can be seen promenading the streets almost any evening.

A LETTER from Will Sullivan, who Lincoln, Neb., was read at a recent Odd Fellows meeting, expressing a decided liking for the West, which he describes as flowing with that favorite beverage, milk and honey. A COMMITTEE of the Capitol Guard was at

St. Albans Saturday, negotiating for the purchase of the mess tent and other camp equipments belonging to the Ransom Guard. The boys purpose to do their own catering at future THE concert given by Mme. Fry and daugh ters last Tuesday evening attracted but a small number. While the performance was not of

the highest order, it was very enjoyable and the skill displayed by the ladies on such a variety of instruments was wonderful. The Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, which showed here last Friday evening, had more baggage than J. V. Morrow had agreed to handle, and refused to pay him for the excess. Thereupon Morrow brought the matter before Justice Clark, and Lawyer Marks lost his case

and paid the bill. Dr. L. Simonson of New York, surgeon chiropodist, is at the Pavilion and is prepared to treat all who are troubled with corns, bunions, etc. He brings with him letters from well known citizens of Barlington, St. Albans, etc., speaking very highly of his success. Read his card elsewhere in this paper.

Some of the New York excursionists missed the last train from the great city the day their tickets expired, but they were equal to the oc-casion. Instead of paying full fare home, as less thrifty persons might have done, they wrote to Superintendent Hobart for an exten-sion of time on their tickets and meanwhile enjoyed two or three days more in the gay me All of which goes to prove that a

THE many friends of Mr. and Mrs Roger Bixby had not forgotten that the eleventh an-niversary of their wedding day occurred on the 25th instant, but the occasion was not celebrated until Thursday evening, when a merry party gave them a complete surprise at their rooms in Hotel Kempton. An assault was made on the well-stocked pantries of the hotel, and, after every kind of good wish had been expressed, the company dispersed, leaving Mr. and Mrs Bixby to pleasant dreams and self

Seminary Hill .- The society reception came of as announced, Friday evening, September 21st. There was a goodly number presen, among them several old students, and a general good time is reported. MID-TERM examinations this week Thursday

and Friday. THE Band and A-thetic societies have pro oured some new badges, in the form of a silver pin and bangle attached. On one side is en-gravet the word "Band," on the other side is placed the monogram, "A."

Last Friday evening the following resolution was discussed: Resolved, That disinterested benev lence exists among mankind. Affirmative, Maxham and Richardson; negative, Spaulding and Goss. Decided in the negative by the board of decision.

MR BARNEY, a graduate of the school who took the place of A. O. Cummins during his a journ in the West, is at his home in South se joura in the West, is at his home in South Acworth, N. H., where he is to stop a short time. He intends, his eyes permitting him to do so, to attend Boston university, to study law. This seminary seems to be well repre-sented in Boston university, by Messrs. Good-speed and Poland and Misses Cooper and Hob-son; this force is soon to be strengthened by the addition of Messrs Clough and Barney.

Washington County Court.

HON. T. P. REDFIELD, Chief Judge. HON J. H. HASTINGS, Assistant Judges.

M. E. Smith, Clerk

F H. ATHERTON. Sheriff. H. A. Buse. State's Attorney Henry Oviatt, Stenographer.

At the time of going to press last week the case of J. W. Leonard vs. Achsah Dutton was on trial. This was an action of trespass on the freehold, entered at the March term, 1883, to recover the value of some twenty or more standing trees, alleged to have been cut by the defondant. It amounts that there had been a defendant. It appears that there had been a dispute of long standing concerning the bound-ary line between lots number seven and eight of the first division in the town of Cala's. The plaintiff's father came to the ownership of lot number eight in the year 1838 by purchase of one Noah Pierce, who had occupied it since 1810, and on the decease of his father in 1842 it went into the hands of the administrator, and so remained until about 1847, when the northwesterly corner—containing the land in quastion—was set out to the widow as her in question—was set out to the widow as her dower. Westerly of said lot number eight lies the land of the defendant, and between the adjoining owners there has never been a fence on the line, as the plaintiff claimed, but was some three or four rods too far east, and on the land of the plaintiff. The defendant has during all these years occupied this narrow strip of woodland and claimed to own it as a part of her farm, having galined title to the same by long continued possession. The plaintiff claimed in answer to this defence, that he had allowed self occupied said land sufficiently to cut off any claim of prescription, which the counsel for the plaintiff claimed, should have been ex-clusive possession. The jury rendered a ver-dict for the defendant to recover her cost. S. C. Shurtleff and Harlan W. Kemp for the plaintiff. J. P. Lamson and George W. Wing for the defendant. The next case tried was that of John Currier at the Continents, Life Insurance Company of

The next case tried was that of John Currier vs. the Continental Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. This was an action of assumpsit to recover on a five-term life policy for \$5,000 by the plaintiff beneficiary, taken out on the life of the plaintiff's wife in 1865. The plaintiff was then a resident of New Hampshire, and the agent who took the application was P. H. Hinckley, son-in-law of the plaintiff, then a resident of Manchester, N. H. The plaintiff claimed that the premiums were to be paid one-half in cash and one-half in notes, and that the agent represented to him to be paid one-half in cash and one-half in notes, and that the agent represented to him by circulars and otherwise, that a fifty per cent dividend was to be allowed, which would be sufficient to cancel the notes. The evidence tended to show that after one or two yearly premiums had been paid, the plaintiff, to satisfy himself about the dividends, wrote to the company inquiring how the same were to be applied; that they informed him in return that the plaintiff was to have his option either to have the dividend on the five-term rate, for to at the plaintiff was to have his option either to have the dividend on the five-lerm rate, for five years, or on the life rate during the life of the policy. Relying upon this, the plaintiff continued to pay his premiums, according to the terms of the policy until the last premium was due, when the same was lost or stolen while in the custody of the express company and while in transit. The defend in refused to allow the same to the allowing scadil to the while in the custody of the express company and while in transit. The defend nt refused to allow the same to the plaintiff's credit or to make any application of dividends in liquidation of said premiums. The plaintiff then brought his bill in equity in the courts of New Hampshire to compel the defendant to make application of dividends sufficient to pay that premium and to keep the policy in force. He obtained a decree to that effect, which was sustained by the supreme court. Subsequently the insured deceased and the defendant, on proof of death, tendered the plaintiff \$2.677, it being the amount of the policy less the premium notes and interest, not allowing any dividends except the one applied by the New Hampshire courts. The evidence tended to show that dividends on all other policies had been allowed from thirty to fifty per cent in the different years during the life of the policy. The plaintiff introduced a copy of the records of the courts of New Hampshire to the admission of which the defendant's counsel objected on the ground that it was not properly certified by the presiding judge of that objected on the ground that it was not prop-erly certified by the presiding judge of that court. The defendant introduced the testimony of one Morley, their actuary, who de-livered a di-quisition on the subject of life in-surance and the principal duties of his office, to draw a stated salary. He gave no sufficient reasons why the defendant had not allowed the dividends on the policy. The court or-dered the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff, allowing said dividends on the life rate to be applied in payment of the premium notes. leaving a balance due the plaintiff of

\$1,347.76. Exceptions by defendant and cause passed to the supreme court. S. C. Shurtleff for plaintiff; Charles W. Porter for defendant. The case of A. A. Mead vs. John W. Clark, was then tried. Action of assumpsit. In the winter of 1877, one George W. M. Silver, then of Tivoli, N. Y., came to Vermont and wanted to settle up some debts with various Montpelier creditors and gave his note to the plaintiff for \$27. The plaintiff claimed that an arrange-ment was entered into by the defendant and said Silver to buy plaintiff's note and bring suit on it with defendant's account against said Silver. Plaintiff delivered the note to the attorneys of defendant, who got judgment against Silver, by default and execution was issued on same and levied on some land of the defendant's in Moretown. The defendant defendant's in Meretown. The defendant claims to have received the note with the un derstanding that he and the plaintiff should share equally in the result of a suit on the two

matters joined. The jury returned a verdict for defendant. Harlan W Kemp and John H. Senter for plaintiff; G. W. Wing for defendant. The disposition of criminal cases was taken up on the assembling of court Monday after-noon. The first case for trial was State vs. L. B. Huntington of Montpelier for violation of law relative to the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The respondent pleaded not guilty and the state produced one Israel Tracy of Bolton, who testified that he was in Montpelier in October, 1882 and "got pretty full and got arrested," but failed to connect the offense charged with the respondent except that he said he procured one glass of lager beer at an eating saloon on State street. The counsel for the re-pondent moved the court to order a verdict on the ground that there was no evidence in the case, which view the court decided to be correct and ordered the jury to return a verdict of guitty. Hiram A. Huse for the state; H. Kemp and J. H. Senier for respondent.

State vs. John Porter. This was an appeal from a justice's judgment of guilty of five first offences against the prohibitory law. This was heard by the court on plea in abatement filed by the respondent and demurred to on the part of the state. The plea alleged defective ser-vice of the warrant. It appeared that the town of Barre failed to hold their annual meeting for 1883 on the day appointed by law, and that the constable of Barre, the officer who served this warrant, was elected at the meeting held on another day, and was there given the juris-diction of the state by vote of the town. The respondent claimed that under provisions of section 851 of the Revised Laws, as amended by No. 97 of the laws of 1882, the constable could serve no process even in his own town, unless given the jurisdiction of the state at the annual meeting. The court overruled the plea and sustained the demurrer, holding that the legislature intended to amend the last of the section referred to, and that it did not affect a constable serving process in his own town, and further that in a criminal cause it made no difference what kind of process or service brought a re-p adent into court, if he was only there and that his only remedy would be against the person arresting bim if the service was not regular, to which respondent excepted and the cause passed to the supreme court H. A. Huse, states' attorney, for the state; E. W.

isbee for respondent.
The grand jury reported last Thursday morn-The grand jury reported last Thursday morning nine true bills and one not found. The following are the cases growing out of the deliberations of the grand jury: State vs. Eugene Town of Waterbury, attempt to commit rape; ball \$600. State vs. James Albin of Rozbury, burglary; ball fixed at \$200. Bends called and forfested. State vs. Frank Cardell of Warren, larceny; plea of guilty and sentenced to the house of correction for two months. State vs. Thomas Corry of Montpeller, two indictments. One for cutting off the tail of a horse, the other for removing the put from the axie of a buggy wagon. State vs. Robert W. Keiley of Berlin for impersonating the gate-keeper at the Nouthfield camp-meeting and collecting the Berlin for impersonating the gate-keeper at the Northfield camp-meeting and collecting the entrance fee. State vs. James Templeton for Plainfield, Oct. 1, 1883.

manslaughter. State vs. George Bates for bank robbery. State vs. F. H. Gifford for

breaking jail.

States' Attorney H. A. Huse filed an information against M. O. Evans of Waterbury for offence against the liquor law, plea guilty; fined \$50 and costs. Also against E. S. Whitcomb of Roxbury for same offence; bail fixed at \$300. State vs. Fred R. Stevens of Montpelier, second offence; bail \$300. State vs. L. D. Hills of Moretown, second offence; bail \$300. In the case of State vs. Jesse Cayhne, for selling intoxicating liquor, the respondent pleaded guilty to two first offences and was fined \$20 and costs.

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The bonds were called and forfeited in the cases of State vs. James Albin for burglary and State vs. Eugene Town for attempted rape, George E. Spear pleaded guilty to one first offence against the liquor law and was fined \$10 and costs. The following cases were continued: State vs. T. H. Corry, State vs. E. S. Whitcomb, State vs. F. R. Stevens, State vs. L. D. Hills. The jury was then discharged and the court adjourned until next Tuesday, when court cases will be taken up. cases will be taken up.

Obituaries.

BATES.—Frank Richard Bates was born in Berlin, November 26th, 1855. When he was about three years old his parents moved to Northfield, which was his home for the rest of his life. The rudiments of his education were obtained in the village school and the academy, and at the age of fourteen he entered Norwich and at the age of fourteen he entered Norwich university, now Lewis college, at that time in quite a prosperous condition, and was graduated in the class of 1873. The class numbered ten and his rank was very near the head. Among his classmates were W. R. Dorr and A. L. Sheldon of Rutland and C. M. Johnston, Esq., now of Jamestown, Dakota. After graduating now of Jamestown, Dakota. After graduating he spent some time in drug stores in Lowell and Boston, and in October, 1876, began the study of law in the office of Frank Plumley, Esq., at Northfield. He was admitted to the bar at the March term of county court in 1880 and in May of the same year entered into partnership with Mr. Plumley. In October, 1881, this partnership was dissolved by mutual agreement and Mr. Butes opened an office of his own near Mr. Plumley with whom he was ever, professionally as well as socially, on the most friendly and barmonious terms. April 6, 1876, he united with Northfield lodge of Good Templars, in which he was afterwards one of the most active and valuable members. He Templars, in which he was afterwards one of the most active and valuable members. He was elected to all the offices of importance and honor in the lodge, which he filled faithfully and creditably and in 1881 was appointed Grand Worthy Assistant Secretary of the grand lodge of this state by J. S. Batchelder, Grand Worthy Secretary. At the session of 1882 in Rutland he was elected Grand Worthy Secretary, and re-elected at the Montpeller ression last January. He took a very hard cold at the Rutland session, from which he never recovered. During the summer of 1882 he spent ered. During the summer of 1882 he spent several weeks in the Adirondacks, but was lit-tle benefited. However, through the fall and tle benefited. However, through the fail and winter he improved somewhat and was able to attend the session of the grand lodge at Montpelier in January. Soon after this he went to White River Junction on some Good Templar business and contracted another severe cold, which probably shortened his life somewhat. The summer was spent on his brother's farm in Moretown. He was able, with considerable assistance, to keep up the work of the secretary's office, but about September 1st he sent to Grand Worthy Chief Templar Paul of Woodstock his resignation, to take effect on the arstock his resignation, to take effect on the ap-pointment of his successor, and Dr. M. H. Chandler of Woodstock received the appointment about two weeks since. The best of at-tention from skillful physicians and kind friends was given, but the disease was firmly seated and for the last six or eight months his seated and for the last six or eight months his decline, though slow, was constant. His suf-ferings were ended on the night of September 26th. The funeral was held on Saturday, the 29th, and, in accordance with his expressed wish, the services were conducted with the ceremonies of his loved order. His life though short leaves many cherished memories for his relatives and many chieved. relatives and many friends. As perfection is not an element of mortality, he must have bad some faults, but they were certainly few and not of a character to arouse the ill will of any, for wherever he was known he was ester

TAFT.—Sunday morning Alfred Taft, Esq. of Burlington was found dead. Having been out of health for several weeks, he had been in the habit of taking medicine at about four o'clock in the morning. Soon after six the odor of escaped gas called his son-in-law to his room when it was found that one in-law to his room, when it was found that owing to a de-fective gas fixture the room was filled with fective gas fixture the room was filled with gas, which caused his death. The stop-pin of gas, which caused his death. The stop-pin of the gas fixture was found to have dropped out and it is supposed that Mr. Taft turned the thumb-plug too far after taking his medicine as usual. Medical assistance was promptly at hard, but proved of no avail. Mr. Taft was a native of Crown Point, N. Y., and was about fifty-seven years of age. He came to Burling-ton in 1868 and entered the employ of Dr. B. S. Nichola astablishing. S. Nichols, establishing three years later the firm of A. Taft & Co. After a number of changes the present firm of Taft, Morgan & Co., (of which the deceased was the senior partner) was established, and has become one of the largest manufacturing interests in the city; and its great success has been largely due city; and its great success has been largely due to the senior partner's enterprise and business suggetty. He leaves four children—Mrs C. W. Davis and T. A. Taft of Burlington and W. A. and A. C. Taft of Boston. Mr. T. A. Taft is a member of his late father's firm, and Messrs. W. A. and A. C. Taft occupy responsible positions in the employ of Messrs, Bronsons, Weston, Dunham & Co. Mr. Taft was widely known and esteemed as a man of sterling in known and esteemed as a man of sterling in-tegrity and a good and useful citizen.

East Montpeller .- There was a light fall of snow followed by rain Saturday night. QUITE a number of our townspeople visited the fair at Northfield last week.

THE telephone line from Montpelier to Plainfield will run through the Center and through

MR. THATCHER presched at the Center ag last Sunday and left an appointment for E. E. Reynolds next Sunday. THE "On-the-Stairs" circle will meet with

Mrs M R. D. Dingwall Thursday, October II. All members of the C. L. S. C., and those wishing to become members, are cordially invited.

GEORGE GOODWIN attended the Baptist state convention held at West Randolph last Wednesday and Thursday... Harry Morse of lowa is at home on a visit... William Orm-bee is entertaining a brother from Buffalo, N. Y... Mrs. Brown who has been visiting her daughter at the Center, expects to return home this week... Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Templeton are spending the week with his brother. Dr. Charles week...Mr and Mrs. H. H. Templeton are spending the week with his brother, Dr. Charles Templeton, st Irasburgh....Mr, and Mrs. George Hill of Marshfield, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Dodge of Calais, stopped in town over Sunday on their return from Randolph and Braintree, where the two sisters had spent the week in the vicinity of their early home. early home.

North Montpelier.-The Hardwick stage now leaves Plainfield upon the arrival of the two o'ck ck train.

That the farming public appreciate the advantages of a good grist mili is shown to be a fact by the amount of grinding now being done by M. V. B. Hollister, our popular milier.

Tun matched game of base ball between the Goddard seminary nine of Bure and the Piain-field nine result d in a victory for the latter, the score standing twenty-eight to thirty-six.

Our old townsman, George W. Le Barron and wife, now living in Elmore, celebrated the event of their twenty-fifth anniversary last Saturday afternoon and evening. Several of their old friends and relatives from this place were present and all report that it was the most enjoyable event of the season. About one hundred were present and left money and presents to the value of about \$75.

A Cano.-The undersigned, deeply grateful A CARD.—The undersigned, deeply grateful for the kindness of friends and neighbors, and for the assistance and sympathy extended them during the sickness and death of Occar N. Webster and Stillman J. Parks, take this method of returning our thanks and acknowledge.